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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Legislative Counsel

DATE: 22 June 1956

FROM : Acting Ch/D/E/RR

SUBJECT: Fountain Subcommittee Inquiry for CIA Information on Linseed Oil

25X1 1. This memorandum will amplify [ ] telephone call  
of this morning to you in which he reported that ONI was preparing  
25X1 an inquiry to CIA for advice as to whether [ ] 13 September  
1954, can be released to the Fountain Subcommittee. We have re-  
quested a copy of this report and will deliver it to you upon  
receipt by us.

2. This is not the same report discussed by you with Mr.  
Ashcraft. Although we have not seen it, it apparently indicates  
that the commodities in question were not in strong demand by the  
USSR.

3. I have ascertained the following from LCDR DOYLE, (131 x  
76313), who is the ONI action officer and who attended the White  
House meeting on an earlier aspect of the Fountain Subcommittee  
inquiry:

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- a. The Secretary of the Navy wrote the Subcommittee on  
15 June 1956 responding to the initial inquiry of the  
latter, and a copy of the Navy letter was forwarded  
to Commerce per the White House agreement.
  - b. The Subcommittee replied to the Navy's letter with their  
own, also dated 15 June 1956, asking whether Navy had  
information in their files which originated from any  
other Agency. CIA or CIA reports were not specified.
  - c. LCDR DOYLE sent a draft reply to the Navy's Congressional  
Liaison office on 20 June 1956, stating that ONI did have  
such information, but not identifying either CIA or any  
CIA report number. This draft reply advised that Navy  
would inquire as to whether such information could be  
made available to the Subcommittee. DOYLE states that he  
spent 1-1/2 days culling the ONI files and concluded that  
the above report [ ] was the only pertinent item  
therein from CIA.

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- d. LCDR DOYLE advised me today that he was preparing a routine memorandum to this Agency inquiring as to our willingness to make this information available.

4. I have arranged with DOYLE that he will notify me when his memorandum is signed and ready for transmission to CIA. I will have OCR Liaison pick it up and deliver it to you. I advised DOYLE that action in CIA rested in your office in such matters. I expressed the opinion that CIA would not be willing to have Navy make available to the Subcommittee either the number or the contents of this report, and I cited the "third agency rule" with which DOYLE is familiar.

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Acting Chief, D/E/RR

c.c. Acting Ch/C/RR

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